



# MAYOR AND COUNCIL AGENDA

NO. 6

DEPT.: Recreation and Parks  
STAFF CONTACT: Betsy Thompson

DATE PREPARED: April 18, 2005  
FOR MEETING OF: May 2, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Proclamation Declaring May as Bicycle Month in the City of Rockville and Recognition of Children Who Earned a Bike through the Character Counts! Program.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Read and present proclamation. Nancy Breen, Chairperson and members of the Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee will accept the proclamation and be recognized for their service to the community.

Read names of children who earned a bike and have them come forward to be recognized (as a group). Certificates will be presented to them in the lobby.

**DISCUSSION:** May is "National Bicycling Month" throughout the United States. The City annually declares May as Bicycle Awareness Month in Rockville, and conducts many activities to promote bicycling among our residents, such as:

- Implementation of the 2004 Bikeway Master Plan, including construction of the Pedestrian/bike Bridge over I-270 at MD. 28; completion of the Millennium Trail and other bike paths, signage for shared routes, distribution of a Rockville bikeways map and routine maintenance on all routes.
- Rockville's Bike Advisory Committee meets monthly to review projects and give citizen input.
- Regional Bike to Work Day, May 20, 2005
- "Bike-Recycling/Character Counts Program"
- Placement of bike racks and lockers throughout the City of Rockville
- Teaching bicycle and pedestrian safety education in Rockville elementary schools
- "Ride for Rockville" bike ride at Hometown Holidays, Sunday, May 29, 2005

This year 49 children earned bicycles by demonstrating good character traits such as trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. The bikes were awarded at a special event in their honor on Saturday, April 30 at Croydon Creek Nature Center.

**Options Considered:** Not applicable.

**Fiscal Impact:** Not applicable.

**Change in Law or Policy:** Not applicable.

**Boards and Commissions Review:** Not applicable.

**Next Steps:** Not applicable.

PREPARED BY:

Betsy Thompson 4-18-05  
Betsy Thompson, Recreation Program Development Coordinator Date

APPROVED BY:

Burt Hall 4-18-05  
Burt Hall, Director of Recreation and Parks Date

Scott Ullery 4/25/05  
Scott Ullery, City Manager Date

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS: Proclamation and List of Character Counts! Participants

**WHEREAS**, the month of May has been proclaimed as "National Bicycling Month" throughout the United States by national, state and local bicycling organizations and state and local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rockville is proud to be a "bicycle friendly" community, constantly striving to increase awareness and acceptance of bicycling as a means of transportation, recreation and fitness, as well as promoting bicycle safety both on and off the road. Desirable transportation and recreation alternatives, improved physical fitness, and cleaner air are important to the well-being of the City of Rockville; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rockville has developed a bicycle network to allow direct routing to major destinations (like public transportation, schools, parks, public facilities, and shopping) within the city limits and this network is well integrated with the Montgomery County Bikeway Master Plan as well as the plans of adjacent cities; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Rockville maintains a comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian community education and outreach program (serving as the model for local and regional jurisdictions) resulting in over 5,000 elementary-aged children trained to be safe bicyclists and pedestrians; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Rockville Citizens Bicycle Advisory Committee has collected and distributed over 100 used bicycles in the last 12 months.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LARRY GIAMMO**, along with members of the Council of the City of Rockville, do hereby proclaim May 2005 as BICYCLE AWARENESS MONTH, and urge all citizens of Rockville to seek opportunities to ride bicycles this month and all the other months as well.

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Mayor Larry Giammo  
Councilmember Robert E. Dorsey  
Councilmember John F. Hall, Jr.  
Councilmember Susan R. Hoffmann  
Councilmember Anne M. Robbins

May 2, 2005

# Character Counts! 2005

## Participant List

Berger, Brendan	Livermore, Chelsea
Britton, Rosalee	Long, Taylor
Brown, Ryan	Mangui, Gibran
Ceschin, Matteo	Musa, Omar
Chen, Vivien	Musa, Samina
Conner, Brandon	Ngo, Ivy
Conner, Corey	Pollock, Dejuan
Corrales, Harvey	Reese, Christina
Covalin, El-Ad	Rhodes, Kennedy
Deng, Jessica	Rifai, Waliullah
DiFazio, Mary	Sadur, Brandon
Du, Jeremy	Salles, Isabella
Du, Matthew	Scott, Nick
Duan, Jennifer	Singh, Guransh
Flores, Moises	Tang, Jason
Huo, Heather	Thakkar, Sohum
Husna, Asma	Tien, Tiffany
Jones, Angelica	Toler, Halle
Jones, Faith	Toler, Heather
Jordan, Brian	Velasquez, Brian Jose
Kathuria, Isha	Vu, Anthony
Kavr, Shej	Washington, Brandon
Kim, Jonathan	Washington, Lauren
Kulkarni, Priya	Watson, Cheyenne
Lemus, Celeste	Yu, Ezra

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# *Certificate of Recognition*

*Presented to:*



In appreciation of your excellent display of good character traits. These six core ethical values form the foundation of Character Counts!<sup>SM</sup> Trustworthiness •

• Caring • Citizenship

Your display of good character traits has earned you a bicycle! Please ride safely, always wear a helmet and help others to ride safely.

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